

CLAIMS (Amendment)

1. An excitation vector generating apparatus comprising:

pulse position determining means for determining
5 a first pulse and a second pulse that are adjacent to each other; and

random code vector generating means for generating a first random code vector based on respective positions of the first pulse and the second pulse.

10 2. The excitation vector generating apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said pulse position determining means comprising:

first pulse position selecting means for selecting a position of the first pulse among predetermined pulse
15 position candidates; and

second pulse position selecting means for selecting a position of the second pulse adjacent to the position of the first pulse using the position of the first pulse as a reference.

20 3. The excitation vector generating apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

control means for controlling the first pulse position selecting means or the second pulse selecting means so that the position of a pulse determined in the
25 pulse position determining means is not out of a frame.

4. The excitation vector generating apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

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a random codebook for storing a second random code vector including a plurality of pulses being not adjacent to each other,

wherein the random code vector generating means
5 generates a random code vector from the first random code vector and the second random code vector.

5. (Amended) The excitation vector generating apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

mode determining means for determining a speech
10 mode; and

pulse position candidate number controlling means
for increasing or decreasing the number of excitation
vectors that the excitation vector generating apparatus
according to claim 1 generates, by controlling an
15 interval of pulses adjacent to each other corresponding to the determined speech mode.

6. The excitation vector generating apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

average power calculating means for calculating a
20 level of average power of an excitation signal when the determined speech mode is a noise mode,
wherein said pulse position candidate number controlling means increases or decreases the number of the predetermined pulse position candidates based on the
25 average power.

7. A speech coding apparatus comprising the excitation vector generating apparatus according to

8. A speech coding apparatus comprising:

5 output from an adaptive codebook storing an excitation
vector and a random code vector output from a partial
algebraic codebook storing a random code vector obtained
in the excitation vector generating apparatus according
to claim 1;

10 excitation vector updating means for updating the
 excitation vector stored in the adaptive codebook to the
 new excitation vector; and

speech synthesis signal generating means for
generating a speech synthesis signal using the new
15 excitation vector and linear predictive analysis result
in which an input signal is quantized.

9. A speech decoding apparatus comprising:

excitation parameter decoding means for decoding
excitation parameters including position information on
20 an adaptive code vector and index information to
designate a random code vector;

excitation vector generating mean for generating
an excitation vector using the adaptive code vector
obtained from the position information on the adaptive
code vector and the random code vector having at least
25 two pulses adjacent to each other obtained from the index
information;

excitation vector updating means for updating the excitation vector stored in the adaptive codebook to the generated excitation vector; and

speech synthesis signal generating means for
5 generating a speech synthesis signal using the generated excitation vector and a decoded result of quantized linear predictive analysis result transmitted from a coding side.

10. (Amended) A speech coding/decoding apparatus
10 comprising:

a partial algebraic codebook for generating excitation vectors each comprised of three excitation pulses such that an interval between at least a pair of the excitation pulses is relatively short, and storing
15 the excitation vector;

limiting means for performing a limitation so that an excitation vector in which the interval between at least a pair of the excitation pulses is relatively short among the excitation vectors; and

20 a random codebook used adaptively corresponding to a size of the partial algebraic codebook.

11. (Amended) The speech coding/decoding apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the limiting means controls the interval between the excitation pulses
25 using a relative relationship between a candidate number (index) of a position of each excitation pulse, and switches a strength of the limitation between a voiced

12. The speech coding/decoding apparatus according to claim 9, wherein a rate of the random codebook is increased by a portion corresponding to a decreased size of the partial algebraic codebook.

14. A speech coding/decoding apparatus comprising:
 an algebraic codebook for storing an excitation
 vector;

pattern dispersion means for dispersion a pattern of the excitation vector output from the algebraic codebook according to the dispersion pattern.

16. The speech coding/decoding apparatus according

17. A base station apparatus comprising the speech coding apparatus according to claim 8.

19. A communication terminal apparatus comprising the speech coding apparatus according to claim 8.

21. An excitation vector generating method,
comprising:

the second pulse position selecting step of selecting a second pulse position adjacent to the first pulse position using the first pulse position as a reference; and

22. (Amended) The excitation vector generating method according to claim 21, wherein in the random code vector generating means, the random code vector is generated from the first random code vector including a plurality

of pulses being not adjacent to each other.

23. A speech decoding method, comprising:

the excitation parameter decoding step of decoding excitation parameters including position information on an adaptive code vector and index information to designate a random code vector;

the excitation vector generating step of generating an excitation vector using the adaptive code vector obtained from the position information on the adaptive code vector and the random code vector having at least two pulses adjacent to each other obtained from the index information;

the excitation vector updating step of updating the excitation vector stored in the adaptive codebook to the excitation vector; and

the speech synthesis signal generating step of generating a speech synthesis signal using the excitation vector and a decoded result of quantized linear predictive analysis result transmitted from a coding side.

24. A computer readable recording medium storing an excitation vector generating program, wherein said excitation vector generating program including the procedures of:

selecting a first pulse position among predetermined pulse position candidates;

selecting a second pulse position adjacent to the

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generating a random code vector based on the first pulse position and second pulse position.